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City of Fremont Proclaims Itself a Compassionate Sanctuary City

FREMONT, Calif. – March 13, 2017 – On March 7, 2017, the City of Fremont adopted the recommendation of its Human Relations Commission and proclaimed itself a Compassionate Sanctuary City at the Fremont City Council meeting.

This action intends to protect those who live, study, and work in the City of Fremont regardless of race, religion, national origin, gender, disability, or sexual orientation, and to allow them to do so in harmony.

The Fremont Police Department confirms that it is committed to protecting and serving the entire Fremont community and will continue to treat all individuals with dignity.

Under Fremont Police Department's current Policy 428, the department will share information with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) if it is requested and if it would otherwise be communicated with other law enforcement agencies or is available to the public. The Fremont Police Department will also notify ICE of the pending release of an offender if the case meets specific criteria, such as investigations that involve terrorism, criminal street gang offenses, aggravated or violent felonies, significant misdemeanors, or if the violator poses a threat to public safety.

The City of Fremont acknowledges the current political climate and that it is potentially putting itself at risk of losing future federal funding, and possibly significant levels of current federal funding, by being declared a Compassionate Sanctuary City.

"Fremont is one of the most diverse mid-sized cities in America," said Fremont Mayor Lily Mei. "By declaring Fremont as a Compassionate Sanctuary City, we are simply upholding Fremont's core values to celebrate diversity, to protect human rights, and to treat all of our people fairly. As a City, we will continue to adopt policies that reflect the inclusive values that our community has upheld since its founding."

Additional information can be found at these sources:

- [Staff Report, Item 7.B](#)
- [Council Item 7.B – Correction to Proposed Resolutions](#)
- [Resolution 2017-06](#)
- [Police Department Policy](#)

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